

**In the claims**

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1. (Previously twice amended) A tamper-resistant bottle closure adapted to be carried on a container having a stopping ledge, said closure comprising:  
a cap;  
a breakaway skirt having an outer skirt and a plurality of first inner skirts inwardly disposed to said outer skirt;  
a plurality of frangible links extending between said cap and said outer skirt;  
a first wing disposed on each first inner skirt, each first wing adapted to lie adjacent the stopping ledge such that each first wing at least partially surrounds the stopping ledge, and each inner skirt is attached to said outer skirt at a location distal said frangible links; and  
a plurality of second inner skirts inwardly disposed to said outer skirt, each second inner skirt having a second wing disposed thereon, each second wing adapted to lie adjacent the stopping ledge such that each second wing at least partially surrounds the stopping ledge, each second inner skirt being attached to said outer skirt at a location proximate said frangible links.
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5. (Previously twice amended) The closure of claim 1, further comprising a securing strap extending between at least each first wing and said outer skirt.

6. (Previously twice amended) A tamper-resistant bottle closure adapted to be carried on a container having a stopping ledge, said closure comprising:

a cap;

a breakaway skirt having an outer skirt and a plurality of first inner skirts inwardly disposed to said outer skirt;

a plurality of frangible links extending between said cap and said outer skirt;

a first wing disposed on each first inner skirt, each first wing adapted to lie adjacent the stopping ledge such that each first wing at least partially surrounds the stopping ledge, and each first inner skirt is attached to said outer skirt at a location distal said frangible links;

a plurality of second inner skirts inwardly disposed to said outer skirt, each second inner skirt having a second wing disposed thereon, each second wing adapted to lie adjacent the stopping ledge such that each second wing at least partially surrounds the stopping ledge, each second inner skirt being attached to said outer skirt at a location proximate said frangible links;

a securing strap extending between at least each first wing and said outer skirt;

and

an intermediate link having a lower leg, said intermediate link disposed adjacent each wing, said lower leg adapted to be disposed adjacent and spaced from the stopping ledge.

7. (Previously twice amended) The closure of claim 6, further comprising an inner protuberance and an outer protuberance formed on each first inner skirt, said inner protuberance adapted to be disposed adjacent the container.

8. (Previously once amended) The closure of claim 6, further comprising a security ring, said security ring being attached to said outer skirt and adapted to be disposed adjacent the container.

9. (Previously twice amended) The closure of claim 8, in which said security ring includes a curved lower surface.

10. (Previously twice amended) The closure of claim 6, further comprising at least a first securing strap extending between each first inner skirt and said outer skirt.

11. (Previously once amended) The closure of claim 6, further comprising at least a first security fin connected to said outer skirt.

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41. (Currently amended) In combination, a container and a closure; comprising:  
said container having a nozzle and at least a first stopping ledge formed on said  
nozzle, the at least first stopping ledge having an outer edge;  
said closure including a cap and a breakaway skirt;  
said breakaway skirt having an outer skirt and a plurality of inner skirts attached  
and inwardly disposed to said outer skirt, said outer skirt having an inner surface;  
a plurality of frangible links extending between said cap and said breakaway  
skirt; and

a plurality of security fins located between the inner skirts, ~~the security fins allowing selective rotation of said closure upon said nozzle;~~ the security fins projecting radially inwardly from the inner surface of the outer skirt; each of the security fins having a terminal edge and the terminal edges are disposed a spaced distance from the first stopping ledge of the nozzle when the closure is engaged with the container.

42. Withdrawn.

43. (Previously once amended) The combination of claim 41, wherein said security fins are planar members projecting radially inward from the inner surface of the outer skirt.

44. (Previously once amended) The combination of claim 43, wherein said security fins project radially inward substantially, but not entirely, the distance to the outer edge of said at least first stopping ledge.

45. (Previously once amended) The combination of claim 41, wherein said at least first stopping ledge is an annular protrusion extending outwardly from said nozzle, said at least first stopping ledge having a planar lower edge, an arcuate outer edge and an upper edge.

46. (Previously once amended) The combination of claim 45, wherein the

transition between the upper edge and the outer edge of said at least first stopping ledge is curved to facilitate the installation of said closure onto said nozzle.

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48. (Previously once amended) The combination of claim 43, wherein said security fins inhibit tampering by inhibiting the insertion of an object between said inner skirts and said inner surface of the breakaway skirt.

49. (Previously once amended) The combination of claim 48, wherein said security fins inhibit the inward deflection of said outer skirt of the breakaway skirt.

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69. (Previously added) A tamper-resistant bottle closure adapted to be carried on a container having a stopping ledge, said closure comprising:

a cap;

a breakaway skirt having an outer skirt and a plurality of inner skirts inwardly disposed to said outer skirt;

a plurality of frangible links extending between said cap and said outer skirt;

each inner skirt being attached to said outer skirt at a location proximate said frangible links; and

a wing disposed on each inner skirt, each wing extending downwardly and thereafter inwardly.

70. (Previously added) The closure of claim 69 wherein the downward extension of each wing is substantially parallel to the outer skirt and the inward extension of each wing is substantially perpendicular to the outer skirt.

71. (Previously added) The closure of claim 69 wherein each inner skirt further includes an inner and an outer protuberance; and the downward extension of each wing extends intermediate the inner and outer protuberance.
72. (Previously added) The closure of claim 69 wherein the inward extension has a substantially triangular cross section.
73. (Previously added) The closure of claim 69 wherein each wing is complementally shaped and lies adjacent the stopping ledge such that each wing at least partially surrounds the stopping ledge.
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89. (New) The combination of claim 41, wherein the security fins extend a first distance outwardly from the inner surface of the outer skirt and the inner skirts extend a second distance outwardly from the inner surface of the outer skirt; and

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the first distance is smaller than the second distance.

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